MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*). (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The estimate is under preparation.

Karavillai Channel bank road.

2. MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any representation in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for converting one of the banks of the Karavillai channel into a cart road ;

(*b*) whether there is any scheme to open a road from the 4th mile Kottar-Dharmapuram road to meet the Karavillai channel bank ; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) be in the affiirmative, the further steps taken on the same ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Reports have been received but no further action has been taken as there are more important roads to be given preference.

Recruitment of District Court Sirkar Vakils.

3. MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of District Court Sirkar Vakils recruited after the year 1101 ;

(*b*) the number of applications received from the Nadar Christians of South Travancore ; and

(*c*) whether any one from the above community was appointed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Five.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Appointment of Nadars in the Anchal and Forest Departments.

4. MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information regarding :

(*a*) the number of applications received during the years 1107 and 1108 from Nadars for appointments in —

1. The Anchal Department,

2. The Forest Department and

(*b*) the number of Nadars appointed in the departments mentioned in (*a*) ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) A statement showing the number of applications received from Nadars and the number of Nadars appointed in the Anchal and Forest Departments during 1107 and 1108 is placed on the table.

Statement showing the number of Nadars appointed in the Anchal and Forst Departments during 1107 and 1108.

	Year.	*No. of applications received from Nadars.*	*No. of Nadars appointed*
Anchal Department	1107	5 (both Hindus and Christians).	5
	1108	1	1 (undergoing training).
Forest Department	1107	...	...
	1108	6	2

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PRESIDENT : The question time is over.

The House was discussing Mr. Asan's motion on Public Works Demand, No. 247.

VOTING OF GRANTS.—(*contd.*)

DEMAND X : PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Motion 247.—(contd)

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : Sir, I support Mr. Asan's motion. In doing so, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government and the Chief Engineer the mis-use or mis-appropriation, if I may say so, of the money allotted for the maintenance of minor roads such as ryots' roads, and some such small roads. The practice obtaining in the Department is that both extremities of such roads will be repaired and the middle portion will be left without being repaired and the whole money allotted for that road will be entered in the accounts as spent. If the Chief Engineer is prepared to inspect such roads, I am sure I will be able to bring the offence to his knowledge and prove it to his satisfaction. I suggest, to avoid such misappropriation in future, the Chief Engineer will try his best to entrust maintenance of such roads to the people of the locality who are interested in such roads. If the Chief Engineer is unable to find such men who will be able to take up the work and whom he can trust, I am prepared to find reliable and capable persons and produce them before the Chief Engineer.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : For the whole State?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*) : No. Only for certain places in the Changanachery and Kottayam taluks; but, if necessary, for the whole of the State. To bring these facts to the notice of the Government and the Chief Engineer, I support the motion.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Sir, I support the motion before the House. My object in doing so is to bring to the notice of the Government as well as the Chief Engineer.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : A little louder, please.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : In doing so, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government as well as the Chief Engineer the half-hearted measures they have adopted in attending to the local needs of the people in the country parts. Taking the condition of communications into consideration, I am sorry to observe that the Government seem to take the attitude that they do not exist for the welfare of the people in the rural areas; and if at all the P. W. D. commence starting some works they are sure to be left part finished, whatever urgency there might be about them. For instance, I may be permitted to refer to the condition of the roads in my constituency. As a result of the representations made in the Popular Assembly and

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